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1. A military airfield was northwest of Tapanrog (38°55'E/47°13'N), Kostov Oblast. Parachuting was practiced daily over the field.
2. A small factory airfield south of the military field, just west of an aircraft plant, extended as far as the Sea of Asov where there was a landing site for seaplanes. An eight-engine seaplane with four nacelles at each wing was stationed there in March 1948.
3. The airfield bordered the west side of the Dimitrov Aircraft Plant and extended south as far as the Sea of Asov.

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The landing field, about 800 x 1,000 meters, was in poor condition and covered by steppe grass. There were no taxiways or runways. A 400-meter square aircraft parking site was near the aircraft plant.

4. Aircraft were repaired in assembly shop No 3 of the Dimitrov Plant.
5. A fuel dump of 12 semi-underground containers was south of the parking site, 20 meters from the aircraft plant.
6. There was no radio installation.
7. The field was occupied by single-engine trainers, single and two-seaters with radial engine. Six to eight aircraft were used flight training once or twice every week.
8. Soviet workers said that the training unit was quartered in town.
9. There was heavy day and night flying over Taganrog. Twenty to thirty twin-engine bombers and ten to fifteen single-engine monoplanes were daily seen in the air after the summer of 1949. Individual parachute jumps were made from the monoplanes over an area northwest of the town, mostly about dusk. An average of 40 to 50 jumps were made every day.

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